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| Applicant BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION et al | |

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
 This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the report
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2003/000301

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

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 the drawings:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | YES |
| | Claims | 1-6 |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | YES |
| | Claims | 1-6 |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | YES |
| | Claims | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 5-238210, A (PIRELLI REIFENWERKE GMBH), 17 September 1993 (17.09.93), claims, Fig. 1

Document 2: JP, 2001-219712, A (BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION), 14 August 2001 (14.08.01), claims, Fig. 1

The subject matter of claims 1 and 3-6 does not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step on account of the inventions described in documents 1 and 2.

The invention described in document 1 also appears to cancel the fluctuating portion of the tire's axial force generated in the discontinuous portions by providing a projection 15 inside the rib groove.

Also, the invention described in document 2 also appears to cancel the fluctuating portion of the tire's axial force generated in the discontinuous portions by providing a platform 20 inside the rib groove.

The subject matter of claim 2 does not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step on account of the invention described in document 1.

Document 1 also describes a projecting part (projection 15) formed at the wall face of a rib groove.